

I am deeply disappointed in Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Since when does our press hold American citizens hostage by passing lies for supposedly unbiased newsworthy editorial. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Because Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the public's best interest is never served. The only interests served are those of the broadcaster. What we get is only what is good for the Sinclair's bottom line politically, which has nothing to do with providing us information that will ensure our freedom and democracy. Instead of lies produced at "News Central" for national political gain, it is vital that we see real people from our own communities and substantive, truthful, unbiased news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for listening. We depend on the FCC to protect our welfare and our democratic process.